

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 5, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By means of the present amendment, claims 1-20 are amended including for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as correcting typographical errors, amending dependent claims to begin with "The" as opposed to "A" as well as correcting certain informalities noted upon review of the claims. By these amendments, claims 1-20 are not amended to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0017615 to Lin ("Lin"). It is respectfully submitted that

claims 1-20 are allowable over Lin for at least the following reasons.

It is respectfully submitted that the macro key setup described in paragraph [0040] of Lin is fundamentally different than the claims as presented. The macro key of Lin enables a combination of individual operations to be combined into a single macro key. As stated in Lin (emphasis added) "[a]n appropriate macro key in the page of the macro menu can be touched to execute a series of operations corresponding to multiple buttons almost simultaneously." However, even programming of a plurality of macro keys of Lin does not correspond to a creation of a user code set as recited in the pending claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the device of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Lin. For example, Lin does not disclose or suggest, a device that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis added) "wherein the remote control device is arranged for enabling combination from a plurality of preset code sets into a user code set for controlling the device to be controlled, and comprises: wherein the selector is configured for selection of one of the

plurality of preset code sets by a user, wherein each one of preset codes of the plurality of preset code sets comprise one or more codes for controlling an operation of a controllable device and wherein each of the plurality of preset code sets comprise a plurality of the one or more codes that are provided by a third party for controlling a controllable device, and an activator configured for creation of one or more links between one of the preset codes of any one of the plurality of preset code sets and an object key by the user after the selection, wherein the remote control device is configured to prompt the user to repeat the selection and creation for the user preset code set for controlling the device to be controlled" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in each of claims 10 and 16.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 10 and 16 are patentable over Lin and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-9, 11-15 and 17-20 respectively depend from one of claims 1, 10 and 16 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said

claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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